

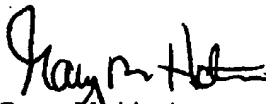
Application No. 10/709,782  
Technology Center 3767  
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### REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants make an election under 35 USC §121 between claims 1-12 and 39-58 (Group I), claims 13-22 and 29-38 (Group II), and claims 23-28 (Group III). Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-12 and 39-58 (Group I) on the merits. As indicated above, the unelected claims of Groups II and III have been canceled without prejudice by Applicant.

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicant's representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

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